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Leo Beachy Farm
Grantsville
Private

1898

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Leo Beachy Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Hare Hollow Road

CITY, TOWN

Grantsville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

___ VICINITY OF

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___DISTRICT

☒BUILDING(S)

___STRUCTURE

___SITE

___OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___PUBLIC

☒PRIVATE

___BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___IN PROCESS

___BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒OCCUPIED

___UNOCCUPIED

___WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

___YES: RESTRICTED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒NO

PRESENT USE

☒AGRICULTURE

___COMMERCIAL

___EDUCATIONAL

___ENTERTAINMENT

___GOVERNMENT

___INDUSTRIAL

___MILITARY

___MUSEUM

___PARK

☒PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___RELIGIOUS

___SCIENTIFIC

___TRANSPORTATION

___OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Ellsworth Beachy

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Hare Hollow Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Mt. Nebo

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☒ UNALTERED☐ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED

DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Leo Beachy Farm is located on the crest of Mt. Nebo, on the eastern rim of the Casselman River Valley south of Grantsville. A two-story, south-facing farmhouse stands west of a small frame workshop. As the land slopes to the north, the cellar is fully exposed at the rear. An early 19th century log farmhouse once stood between the present dwelling and the road. Leo Beachy's photography studio was located near the present workshop.

The present stud-frame farmhouse was built in 1898. The log house was torn down, and the stones from its chimney were used to build the foundation for the "new" house. Plain porches cover the facade and rear of the three bay by two-bay dwelling. A central entrance appears on either side. One over one sash windows light the house. Two single-pane windows light either end of the attic. Two small windows light the cellar's west side, while one lights the east side. A central door flanked by a 2/2 window to either side pierces the cellar's exposed north side.

The west end of the rear porch is enclosed to provide additional space for the adjacent kitchen in the main block. A jigsawn balustrade encloses the rest of the porch.

An interior brick stove-flue chimney heats either gable end. Corrugated metal covers the roof. The building's wooden siding is covered by asbestos shingles.

The facade's transom-topped entrance opens into the main room, behind which the kitchen is located. A boxed stair runs along the central partition. The ceilings and walls were originally covered with narrow boards. All surfaces but the kitchen ceiling have now been plastered.

The one-story gable-roofed outbuilding is covered with board-and-batten wood siding.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES	1898	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Jonas Beachy
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Mt. Nebo area was settled in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. After the National Road was built in 1818, three miles to the north, a road was cut to loop south of Grantsville through Mt. Nebo and rejoin the National Road to the west.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Merry Stinson, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

(301) 269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

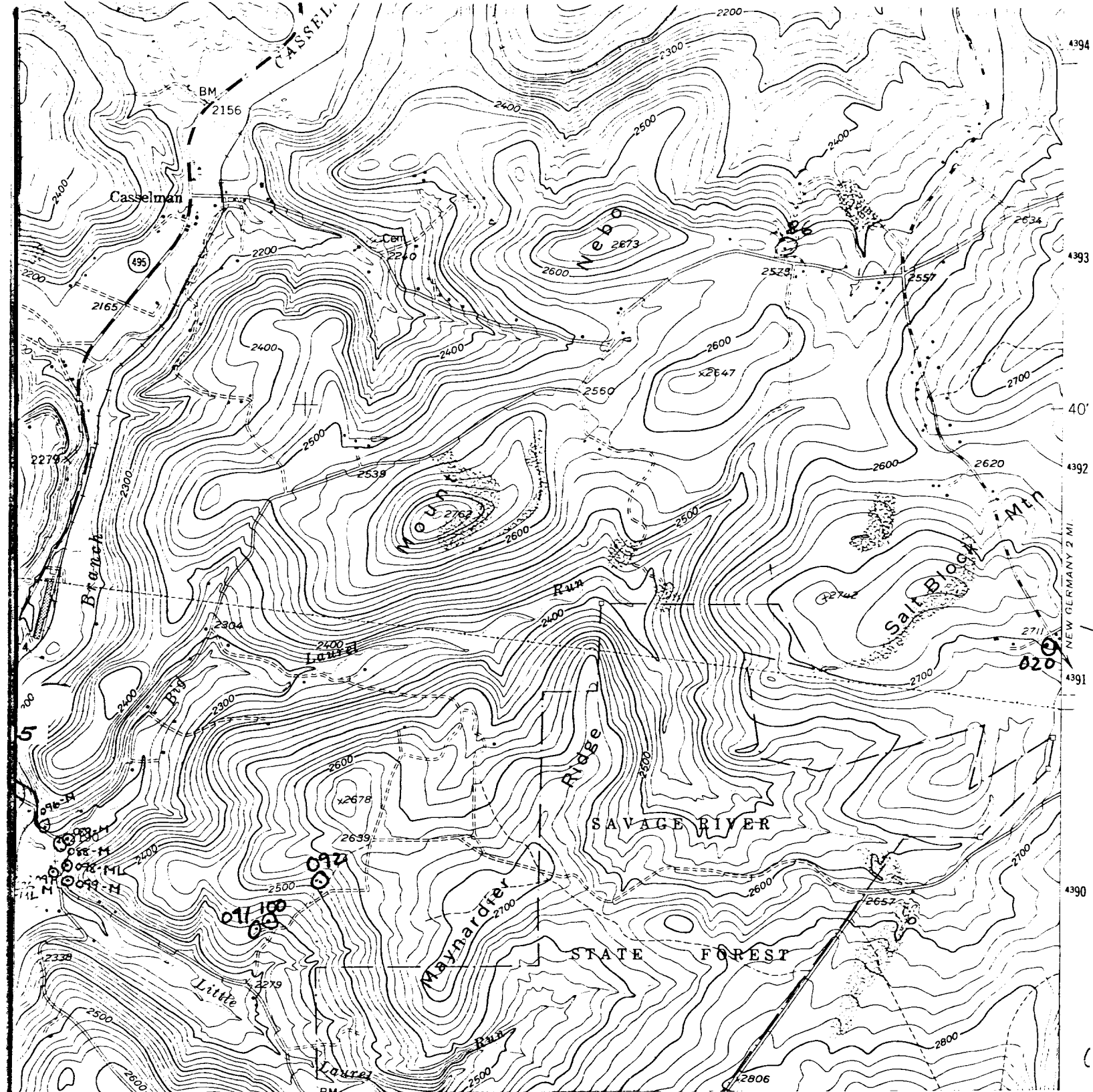
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Maryland 21401

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Garrett Co., MD 10/81

M. Stinson

E & N elevation

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E & N



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Leo Beachy Farm

Garrett Co., MD 10/81

M. Stinson

S & E elevation

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